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SUMMARY: SWEDISH NEW LEFT BI- WEEKLY, FOLKET I BILD/ KULTURFRONT (FIB/ K), EXPOSE ON SWEDISH INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (INFORMATION BUREAU (IB)) HAS PRODUCED SOME NEW REVELATIONS BUT PUBLIC INTEREST IN AFFAIR HAS FADED. OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION INTO SOME ELEMENTS OF REVELATIONS CONTINUES.

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1. AFTER FIRST FIB/ K STORY BROKE (REFAIR) DEFENSE MINISTER ANDERSSON RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A DISAFFECTED IB AGENT WHO ASSERTED THAT IB HAD COMMITTED CRIMES IN SURVEILLANCE OF TWO FOREIGN SPIES AND WHO ACCUSED IB OF FOUR BURGLARIES. LETTER WAS TURNED OVER TO THE CHIEF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR (CPP) WHO IS LOOKING
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INTO THE MATTER.

2. SECOND INSTALLMENT, IN MAY 17-29 ISSUE OF FIB/ K WAS SUPPOSED TO GIVE PROOF OF PREVIOUS DISCLOSURES. IN LEAD ARTICLE, REPORTERS JAN GUILLOU AND PETER BRATT TELL STORY OF IB AGENT GUNNAR EKBERG, WHO ALLEGEDLY INFILTRATED SEVERAL LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS IN GOTHENBERG AND WHO " ORGANIZED A PALESTINIAN ACTIVIST GROUP." EKBERG WAS INTERROGATED BY CPP AND GAVE INTERVIEWS TO TWO PAPERS. HE CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD BEEN AN IB AGENT, THAT HE HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN SWEDISH LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS AND THAT HE HAD MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO THE MIDDLE EAST. DURING THE LATTER PART OF HIS ACTIVE SERVICE HE SAID HE HAD STUDIED RELATIONS OF SWEDISH PRO-PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS WITH PALESTINIAN TERRORIST GROUPS. EKBERG DENIED THAT HE HAD BURGLARIZED OFFICES OF LEFTIST GROUPS IN GOTHENBERG-- AS A MEMBER HE HAD HIS OWN KEYS. AFTER INTERROGATION CPP FOUND EKBERG FREE OF SUSPICION OF CRIMINAL ACTS. SWEDISH COMMANDER IN CHIEF GENERAL SYNNEGREN CONFIRMED EKBERG' S VERSION OF HIS ACTIVITIES. EKBERG NOW ABROAD UNDER PROTECIION OF SWEDISH INTELLIGENCE SERVICES.

3. FIB/ K ALSO GIVES FURTHER DETAILS OF " BURGLARY" OF EGYPTIAN EMBASSY. BURGLARY ALLEGEDLY ORGANIZED IN COOPERATION WITH SWEDISH AUTHORITIES IN SUMMER 1970. WHILE SWEDES DISTRACTED EMBASSY GUARDS, ISRAELI AGENTS BROKE INTO EMBASSY, OPENED SAFE AND PHOTOGRAPHED SECRET DOCUMENTS, ACCORDING FIB/ K. TWO SIMILAR OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT AGAINST IRAQI EMBASSY AND ALGERIAN EMBASSY WAS VISITED BY IB AGENTS, FIB/ K CLAIMS.

4. FIB/ K REVEALS STORY OF ANOTHER " AGENT" OF IB, MARIA LIEBEK. LIEBEK REPORTEDLY HAS RELATIVES AND ACQUAINTANCES IN HIGH OFFICES IN HUNGARY AND WAS THUS ABLE TO OBTAIN VALUABLE INFORMATION ON SOVIET BLOC WHICH, FIB/ K REPORTS, WAS DULY FORWARDED BY IB TO THE CIA. LIEBEK WAS ALSO REPORTEDLY ACTIVE IN MIDDLE EAST AND HER REPORTS FROM CAIRO IN 1970 SUPPOSEDLY SERVED AS BASIS FOR A SERIES OF MILITARY OPERATIONS BY ISRAEL, SINCE HER INFORMATION HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED TO IB BY SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMITTEE. MISS LIEBEK HAS PUBLICLY DENIED ALL FIB/ K ALLEGATIONS.

5. DEFENSE MINISTER ANDERSSON TOLD PRESS THAT HE HAD AN UNEASY FEELING THAT PALESTINIAN ACTIVISTS WERE BEHIND THE VARIOUS ACCUSATIONS, THUS POINTING THE FINGER AT GUILLOU WHO IN EARLIER

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ARTICLES DESCRIBED HIS OWN PARTICIPATION IN MILITARY TRAINING FOR ACTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL. GENERAL SYNNEGREN NOTED THAT SWEDISH AUTHORITIES ARE BEING ACCUSED OF CHOOSING SIDES IN ARAB- ISRAELI CONFLICT AND THAT IT IS THUS INTERESTING THAT JAN GUILLOU, A FRENCH CITIZEN, IS ACTIVE IN THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT IN SWEDEN.

6 MAY 30- JUNE 13 ISSUE OF FIB/ K JUST OUT, CONTAINS NO NEW

REVELATIONS BUT ATTEMPTS KEEP INTEREST (AND ITS SUBSCRIPTION RATE)
UP BY PRINTING BRIEF ARTICLE ABOUT " DISINFORMATION" ON ESPIONAGE
IN OTHER ELEMENTS OF SWEDISH MEDIA AND SHORT RUNDOWN SHOWING
CHANGING PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE BY DEFENSE MINISTER AS EXPOSE
DEVELOPED.

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7 COMMENT: PUBLIC INTEREST IN EXPOSE HAS NOW DECLINED. NONE
OF MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES ARE INTERESTED IN FULL- SCALE INVESTI-
GATION WHICH COMMUNISTS (VPK) HAVE DEMANDED. HOWEVER, CPP
INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING, AND THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT LEGAL
CHARGES WILL BE BROUGHT AGAINST DISAFFECTED AGENT. MORE SIGNI-
FICANTLY, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN EMBARRASSED BY
REVELATIONS THAT IB WAS INVESTIGATING SWEDISH LEFTIST ORGANIZA-
TIONS AND THAT ON INTERNATIONAL FRONT IT HAS COOPERATED MAINLY
WITH WESTERN (AND ISRAELI) INTELLIGENCE SERVICES (CONSERVATIVE
SVEKSKA DAGBLADET PRINTED STORY DESCRIBING COOPERATION BETWEEN
SOVIET AND SWEDISH SECURITY POLICE IN PREPARATION FOR KOSYGIN
VISIT HERE IN EVIDENT ATTEMPT TO SHOW THAT SOME BALANCE DOES
EXIST).

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